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SUBJ: REYNOLDS QUESTION CAUGHT UP IN SOEMITA AFFAIR

REF : PARAMARIBO 0192

1. IN WHAT HAD BEEN BILLED AS A MEETING OF PARLIAMENT TO DECIDE WHETHER AGRICULTURE MINISTER SOEMITA SHOULD BE PROSECUTED ON CORRUPTION CHARGES, PARLIAMENT MARCH 14 INSTEAD RECEIVED TWO LETTERS; ONE FROM SOEMITA REQUESTING TO BE HEARD BEFORE THE SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE WHICH HAD BEEN SET UP TO AGREE UPON PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN CONSIDERING IMPEACHMENT; THE SECOND FROM TWO JAVANESE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, RASAM OF THE SRI AND SOMOHARDJO, A DISSIDENT NPS-ER NOW SITTING WITH THE OPPOSITION, DEMANDING THAT THE ENTIRE NPK CABINET BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR GOVERNMENT-WIDE CORRUPTION.

2. THE LETTER FROM THE LATTER TWO MP'S LISTED TEN QUESTIONABLE AFFAIRS WHICH HAVE BEEN RECENT MATTERS OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION, INCLUDING THE "SO-CALLED REYNOLDS BRIBERY AFFAIR, IN WHICH MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND POLICE HOOST APPEARED TO TAKE A POSITION SO ENERGETICALLY FROM THE BEGINNING" (APPARENTLY A UNCLASSIFIED

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REFERENCE TO HOOST'S QUICK REPLY TO LAST JULY'S INTERPELLATION BY PNR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FRED DERBY INDICATING A DETAILED ANSWER WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT FURTHER INVESTIGATION WHILE A NUMBER OF OTHER INTERPELLATIONS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION HAVE GONE UNANSWERED FOR MONTHS) AND THE TAX-FREE STATUS GRANTED TO THE EMKAY COMBINATION, THE JOINT VENTURE IN WHICH MORRISON-KNUDSEN IS PARTICIPATING FOR THE BUILDING

OF A RAILROAD IN WEST SURINAM. RASAM AND SOMOHARDJO TOOK THE POSITION THAT THE ENTIRE ARRON CABINET SHOULD BE PROSECUTED FOR CORRUPTION AND MISMANAGMENT OF THESE AFFAIRS AND FURTHER PROTESTED THAT DECISIONS TAKEN BY NPK AND VHP LEADERS REGARDING THE HANDLING OF THE SOEMITA AFFAIR HAD BEEN TAKEN IN SECRET TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE PUBLIC'S ABILITY TO FORM AN OBJECTIVE OPINION.

3. RESPONDING TO SOEMITA'S REQUEST TO BE HEARD BEFORE THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE SET UP LAST WEEK TO DECIDE ON PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED BY PARLIAMENT, VHP LEADER LACHMON IS REPORTED TO HAVE NOTED THIS WAS NO LONGER POSSIBLE BECAUSE THE COMMITTEE HAD ALREADY BEEN DISBANDED. PARLIAMENT THEN ACCEPTED A VHP PROPOSAL THAT SOEMITA BE INVITED TO APPEAR BEFORE ANOTHER COMMITTEE OR AT A PRIVATE MEETING OF PARLIAMENT ON MARCH 15 OR A DATE SOON THEREAFTER TO BE NAMED BY HIM. IT IS NOT YET KNOWN WHETHER SOEMITA WILL ACCEPT THIS INVITATION OR NOT.
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